

Regarding raw material, as we all know, after decontrol there is scarcity of raw materials. So far as steel is concerned, the Mysore Small Scale Industries Corporation are taking steps to get a special quota of steel from the Iron and Steel Controller and make arrangements for distribution to the small scale industrialists. We have already ordered 250 tons of steel and we are getting it within one month. It will be made available to the small scale industries. Water charges are collected by the P. W. D. and we have intimated the Association that we cannot take any steps in the matter. Regarding the agreement, there is a new agreement bond which has been implemented. Regarding the Own Your Own Estate demand, I have already stated that the Government has taken a decision in this matter. The third representation is dated 5th October 1967 regarding the labour problem, about which I have already replied.

### Murder cases in Belgaum District

274. **Sri B. B. SAYANAK** (Belgaum).—

Will the Minister for Home and Municipal Administration be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of murder cases registered in Belgaum District since 1st January 1967 to 31st December, 1967 ;

(b) the number of persons that were convicted and the number that were acquitted ;

(c) whether the person arrested in connection with the Railway accident case near Desur in Belgaum Taluka was acquitted ?

**A.—Sri B. D. JATTI** (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies) [On behalf of **Sri R. M. PATIL** (Minister for Home and Municipal Administration)].—

(a) 121.

(b) Convicted : 21  
Acquitted : 29.

(c) Yes.

**Sri B. B. SAYANAK.**—May I ask in how many disposed of cases, 21 persons are convicted and 29 persons are acquitted ?

**Sri B. D. JATTI.**—Out of 121 reported 13 cases ended in conviction, 28 in acquittal, 12 were undetected, 47 pending trial, 14 under investigation, 2 reported for C summary, one was transferred and 4 cases were reported for abated summary.

**Sri B. B. SAYANAK.**—My question is, in how many disposed of cases these 21 persons are convicted and 29 persons acquitted ?

**Sri B. D. JATTI.**—I do not know Sir.

**Sri S. S. SHETTAR.**—In Desur railway accident case, when the accused were acquitted, has Government taken action to go in revision?

**Sri B. D. JATTI.**—All the 6 accused have been acquitted and so far Government has not gone in appeal.

**Sri B. P. KADAM.**—Is it not a fact that it is a clean acquittal?

**Sri B. D. JATTI.**—When there is acquittal, it is supposed to be clean.

**Sri B. B. SAYANAK.**—Is it not a fact that the Mysore Government and the Kannada people have tried their level best to condemn the Marathi people and the M.E.S. in respect of this railway accident because it occurred in the border area?

**Sri B. D. JATTI.**—It is not so Sir.

**Sri P. B. NANDIHALI.**—Sir, I have brought to the notice of the hon. Minister the case of Desur last time. Now the case is disposed of and the concerned persons are released. I am very sorry to bring to your kind notice that I was not allowed at that time to discuss on this question. In the same case, unfortunately, I was also arrested. These innocent persons are harassed, they are beaten, their bones are broken by the police people. They cannot work now; they cannot do anything but beg now. May I request the Government to do something for these persons because this is the mistake of the police department?

**Sri B. D. JATTI.**—Sir, these facts cannot be accepted as correct. If the hon. Member writes to the Government, Government will definitely look into the matter.

**Sri B. B. SAYANAK.**—Is it not a fact that the judge who tried these cases in the railway accident is immediately transferred from Belgaum?

**Sri B. D. JATTI.**—Sir, it is not the concern of the Government; It is the concern of the High Court.

**Sri DIGAMBARA RAO B. KALMANKAR.**—Out of these 121 murder cases how many reached the court?

**Sri B. D. JATTI.**—I have said it and I shall repeat. Out of 121, 13 cases ended in conviction, 28 resulted in acquittal, 12 were undetected, 47 pending trial, 14 under investigation, 2 reported for C summary, 1 was transferred and 4 cases were reported for abetted summary.

**Sri B. B. SAYANAYAK.**—May I know whether 90 per cent of the murder cases are from the Kannada area?

**Sri B. D. JATTI.**—Sir, Belgaum district itself is a Kannada district; where is the question of Kannada area?